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petitions altogether, as was also a number of others. But Mr Clay was in favour of receiving them, and treating them as they did other petitions. He thought nothing was to be gained by adopting a course so unusual. — That the proper course was to reason upon the Subject and meet them by fair argument.

With regard to the views of the Executive upon the Subject of the annexation of Texas. Nothing is known that has not been laid before the public. It is feared by some, and is fact believed, that Secret negociations are now going on, and that advantage will be taken of any, and every occasion to bring about the measure

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a general disposition of all such remonstrances, memorials and petitions, by ordering them to be laid on the table upon their presentation without a question. Should the question however of annexing Texas (which Mr Preston has given notice that he shall bring forward at an early day) be entertained and referred to a Committee. I do not see how they can well object to referring the remonstrances also, and I suppose will not

The abolition question does not seem to produce so much excitement in the House as at former periods. The strength in favour of a favourable disposition of the Memorials is about the same as in the last Congress. The speech of Mr Adams upon the commitment of the Texas Memorials, seemed for the time to produce a great degree of sensation, particularly when he alluded to the Alton tragedy, and every one thought when Mr Wise rose that there was to be warm work. But Mr Wise, whatever may have been his indiscretion on former occasions, managed on this occasion with great discretion, and with great advantage for his Southern friends. Some of them were disposed to object to his course, but generally they were well pleased with it.

In the Senate I am informed the question seems to labour a little more. That body has had the subject before them both yesterday and to-day, and I am informed considerable warmth has been manifested. I have not heard any of their debates. Mr Calhoun I am told took strong ground, and was for rejecting the

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Dear Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of two communications from you — one of the 12th inst enclosing a remonstrance of the inhabitants of North Bridgewater against the annexation of Texas, and the other of the 14th requesting a list of the Members of the House of Representatives &c. The list of the House, together with a list of the Committees I have forwarded you in a Separate package. I have also directed to be sent you the Congressional Globe and the Appendix. published by Messrs Blair & Rives. These publications are confined exclusively to the proceedings of Congress. — The Congressional Globe gives a journal of the proceedings. and the Appendix the debates. The amount paid, as you will perceive by the receipt enclosed, is three dollars, which with the three dollars also enclosed, you will oblige me by handing to the publishers of the Liberator, to be placed to my credit by them on account of their paper.

The remonstrance above alluded to has been presented. You will have seen by the papers the disposition made of such remonstrances, and also. of all petitions & memorials relating to the ~~Subject of~~ abolition of Slavery and the Slave trade. I apprehend it will not be many days before resolutions similar to those of the last Congress, will be adopted, making